

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

**Call to Order:** CHAIRMAN ROY BROWN, on January 14, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Roy Brown, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)  
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary  
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: Informational Meeting.

Executive Action: None

00:01:01 Chairman Brown  
00:05:33 Sen. Larsen  
00:05:45 Monica Lindeen, Citizens of Montana (COM)  
00:19:27 Chairman Brown  
00:19:52 Dirk Visser, Chief Executive Officer, Allegiance Health  
Insurance Company (AHIC)

**EXHIBIT** (phs08a01)

00:33:27 Chairman Brown  
00:33:48 Nicholas Wolter, M.D., Chief Executive Officer,  
Billings Clinic

**EXHIBIT** (phs08a02)

00:46:42 Chairman Brown  
00:46:57 James Crichton, M.D., Montana Medical Association (MMA)

**EXHIBIT** (phs08a03)

00:56:52 Chairman Brown  
00:57:00 David Kibbe, Chief Executive Officer and President New  
West Health Services (NWHS)

**EXHIBIT** (phs08a04)

01:13:49 Chairman Brown  
01:14:04 Kevin Larsen, Senior Vice President, Employee Benefit  
Management Services, Inc. (EBMS)

**EXHIBIT** (phs08a05)

01:26:08 Chairman Brown  
01:27:22 Betty Jo Archambault, Nurse

**EXHIBIT** (phs08a06)

01:30:53 Mary Beth Frideres, Montana Primary Care Association  
(MPCA)

**EXHIBIT** (phs08a07)

01:37:41 Mary Fagen, Montana Chamber Choices (MCC)

**EXHIBIT** (phs08a08)

01:43:18 William Taylor, Ph.D., Christian Science Committee on  
Publication for Montana (CSCPM)

**EXHIBIT (phs08a09)**

01:47:03 Donald Harr, Psychiatrist, Billings  
01:52:03 Donald White, Pediatric Neurologist, Helena  
01:55:02 Bob Balhiser retired engineer, Helena

**EXHIBIT (phs08a10)**

02:00:10 Claudia Clifford, Advocacy of Montana

**EXHIBIT (phs08a11)**

02:03:14 Bob Putsch, retired insurance representative  
02:05:31 Chairman Brown  
02:06:33 Dirk Visser, (AHIC)  
02:07:50 James Crichten, M.D., (MMA)  
02:09:45 Chairman Brown  
02:09:59 Sen. Murphy  
02:10:48 Kevin Larsen, (EBMS)  
02:11:57 Sen. Schmidt  
02:12:28 Dirk Visser, (AHIC)  
02:14:25 Nicholas Wolter, M.D., (BC)  
02:18:16 David Kibbe, (NWHS)  
02:19:40 Sen. Larsen  
02:20:19 David Kibbe, (NWHS)  
02:23:02 Sen. Schmidt  
02:24:20 Nicholas Wolter, M.D., (BC)  
02:27:16 Chairman Brown  
02:27:54 Nicholas Wolter, M.D., (BC)  
02:29:48 Chairman Brown  
02:30:08 Nicholas Wolter, M.D., (BC)  
02:31:14 Chairman Brown  
02:32:27 Representative Mary Cafferro, House District 80  
02:31:35 David Kibbe, (NWHS)  
02:33:10 Rep. Cafferro  
02:34:12 David Kibbe, (NWHS)  
02:35:27 Rep. Cafferro  
02:35:43 David Kibbe, (NWHS)  
02:36:51 Rep. Cafferro  
02:37:58 Dirk Visser, (AHIC)  
02:39:42 Rep. Cafferro  
02:40:50 Dirk Visser, (AHIC)  
02:41:51 Sen. Schmidt  
02:42:05 Dirk Visser, (AHIC)  
02:43:36 Chairman Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:55 P.M.

02:47:14

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JOAN LINKENBACH, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** ([phs08a12](#))

Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT** ([phs08aad.pdf](#))